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SUBJECT: KOREAN ISSUE IN THE UN - GRENADA'S POSITION

1. MY KOREAN COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR KWANG JUNG SONG, CALLED ON ME DECEMBER 19 TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THIS EMBASSY'S COLLABORATION DURING THE LAST YEAR IN THE EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE GOV TO SUPPORT OUR JOINT POSITION IN THE UN. HE TOOK THE OCCASION TO ENTER A PLEA FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA AS A MEANS OF MAINTAINING THAT COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE ROK IN THE UNGA.

2. AMBASSADOR SONG SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED AT LENGTH WITH ERIC GAIRY--TO WHOSE GOVERNMENT HE IS ALSO ACCREDITED--DURING THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IN PARAMARIBO. GAIRY HAD BEWAILED HIS PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL POSITION AND COMPLAINED THAT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MODEST U.S. ASSISTANCE CONTINUED UNAVAILING. SONG NOTED THAT GRENADA WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE ROK. HE WORRIED THAT GAIRY WOULD ULTIMATELY DECIDE HIS INTERESTS LAY ELSEWHERE IF NO HELP FROM THE U.S. WAS FORTHCOMING. HE URGED THAT WE CONSIDER AT LEAST LIMITED PROJECT ASSISTANCE, PERHAPS IN CONSTRUCTING THE NEW AIRPORT GRENADA SO BADLY NEEDS. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION SONG SAID THAT THE ROK HAS A SMALL AID PROGRAM IN GRENADA FOCUSED ON

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3. I TOLD SONG I WAS FAMILIAR WITH GAIRY'S FINANCIAL TROUBLE AND HIS EFFORTS TO ENLIST OUR ASSISTANCE. I EXPLAINED TO HIM OUR LONG-STANDING POLICY OF CHANNELING AID TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN THROUGH THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND OUR EXPECTATION THAT THE FORMER METROPOLITAN POWERS WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE BILATERAL AID. I EXPRESSED MY FRANK VIEW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BILATERAL USG AID PROGRAM IN GRENADA IS MOST UNLIKELY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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